(b) Fourteen (14) checks were carried out druring March and April, 1989 when local sale was at its peak. During these checks, except for minor difference of 5 to 10 Kg. when loaded trucks were weighed, no other irregularities were noted.

(c) No, Sir. The company (BCCL) is itself conducting surprise checks periodically by Head Quarters officials, Area officials and Colliery officials to curb unfair trade.

**Permission to Increase Drug Prices**

2360. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the bulk drugs where price increase has been granted during 1988 and upto 31st March, 1989 ; and

(b) what was the price of each of these drugs under DPCO, 1979 and when was that fixed and what is the percentage and increase in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO- CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL): (a) and (b) The details of prices of bulk drugs fixed under DPCO, 1987, data of fixation of price, its earlier prices etc. are given in the annexure. [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 146].

**Providing Set Offs to Drug Companies**

2361. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that set offs have been given in the working of overcharging of amounts due from drug companies ;

(b) if so, what are the names of the companies and drugs in whose cases set offs have been given ;

(c) whether it is a fact that set offs have been allowed contr to the advice of the Ministry of verdict of the Delhi High Court and in violation of Drugs Price Control Order, 1979 ; and

(d) if so, on what basis concessions which are illegal have been given and what steps have been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) to (d) The requ red details shall be col ted and aid on the Table o Rajya Sabha.

**Price of Althroc in 500 mg Tablets**

2362. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present price of each pack of Althrocin 500 mg Tablets ;

(b) whether his Ministry has fixed any price under DPCO, 1979 ;

(c) if so, when and what price was fixed for each pack ;

(d) what is the name of the bulk drug on which this finished medicine is based and when this formulation was introduced ;

(e) whether the Ministry has revised the price of this strength under DPCO, 1987 and if so, what price has been approved ;

(f) whether it is a fact that the producer of this product is also overcharging the price of Megadol; and